

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 46 public bills, H.R. 5596–5641; and 10 resolutions, H.J. Res. 121–122; H. Con. Res. 508–510, and H. Res. 580–584, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:
Revised Suballocation of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2003 (H. Rept. 107–738);

H. Res. 580, providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 122, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003, (H. Rept. 107–739); and

H.R. 5605, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003 (H. Rept. 107–740).

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Won Sang Lee, the Korean Central Presbyterian Church of Vienna, Virginia.

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Use of Force Against Iraq: The House passed H.J. Res. 114, to authorize the use of United States Armed Forces against Iraq (H. Rept. 721) by a yeas and nay vote of 296 yeas to 133 nays, Roll No. 455. The joint resolution was also considered on Oct. 8 and Oct. 9.

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Rejected the Kucinich motion that sought to recommit the joint resolution to the Committee on International Relations with instructions to report it back to the House forthwith with an amendment that requires a report from the President that includes estimates of costs associated with military action against Iraq before action is taken by a yeas and nay vote of 101 yeas to 325 nays, Roll No. 454.

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Rejected:

Lee amendment in the nature of a substitute no. 1 and printed in H. Rept. 107–724 that sought to have the United States work through the United Nations to resolve the matter of ensuring that Iraq is not developing weapons of mass destruction through weapons inspections, negotiations, and other peaceful means (rejected by a yeas and nay vote of 72 yeas to 355 nays, Roll No. 452; and

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Spratt amendment in the nature of a substitute no. 2 and printed in H. Rept. 107–724 that sought to authorize the President to use U.S. armed forces pursuant to any resolution of the United Nations Security Council adopted after September 12, 2002 that provides for the elimination of Iraq's weapons

of mass destruction (rejected by a yeas and nay vote of 155 yeas to 270 nays, Roll No. 453).

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H. Res. 574, the rule that is providing for the consideration of the joint resolution was agreed to on Oct. 8.

DOD Appropriations Conference Report: The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 5010, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003 by a yeas and nay vote of 409 yeas to 14 nays, Roll No. 457.

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Agreed to H. Res. 579, the rule waiving points of order against the conference report by a yeas and nay vote of 374 yeas to 37 nays, Roll No. 456.

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Military Construction Appropriations Conference Report: The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 5011, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003 by a yeas and nay vote of 419 yeas with none voting nay, Roll No. 458.

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H. Res. 578, the rule that waived points of order against the conference report was agreed to by voice vote.

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Making Further Continuing Appropriations Through Oct. 18: The House passed H.J. Res. 122, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003, by a recorded vote of 272 yeas to 144 noes, Roll No. 461.

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Rejected the Obey motion that sought to recommit the joint resolution to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report it back to the House forthwith with an amendment that continues appropriations through October 12, 2002 by a yeas and nay vote of 202 yeas to 214 nays, Roll No. 460.

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Pursuant to the rule as amended, the amendment to the joint resolution to continue appropriations through October 18, 2002 was considered as adopted.

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H. Res. 580, the rule that provided for consideration of the joint resolution was agreed to by a yeas and nay vote of 225 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 459. Earlier, agreed to the Hastings of Washington amendment in the nature of a substitute that included an amendment to H.J. Res. 122.

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Motions to Instruct Conferees—SAFE Act: Representative Waxman informed the House of his intention to offer motions to instruct conferees on

H.R. 4, to enhance energy conservation, research and development and to provide for security and diversity in the energy supply for the American people, to reject provisions that limit the liability of a responsible party for the contamination of groundwater with a fuel or fuel additive and to instruct conferees to reject provisions that mandate the use of ethanol in gasoline. **Page H7836**

Help America Vote Act: The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 3295, to establish a program to provide funds to States to replace punch card voting systems, to establish the Election Assistance Commission to assist in the administration of Federal elections and to otherwise provide assistance with the administration of certain Federal election laws and programs, to establish minimum election administration standards for States and units of local government with responsibility for the administration of Federal elections, by a yea and nay vote of 357 yeas to 48 nays, Roll No. 462. **Pages H7836–54**

Without objection, the House insisted on its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate to the title. And, the House agreed to H. Con. Res. 508, resolving all disagreements between the House of Representatives and Senate with respect to H.R. 3295. **Page H7854**

The bill was considered pursuant to the order of the House of Oct. 9.

Motion to Instruct Conferees—Bob Stump National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2003: By a recorded vote of 391 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 463, the House agreed to the Taylor of Mississippi motion to instruct conferees on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 4546, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2003 for military activities of the Department of Defense, and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2003, to agree to the provisions contained in section 641 of the Senate amendment (relating to payment of retired pay and compensation to disabled military retirees). **Pages H7854–59**

Legislative Program: The Majority Leader announced the Legislative Program for the week of October 14. **Page H7859**

Combined Consideration of Measures: The Chair entertained the following combined request under the Speaker’s guidelines as recorded on page 712 of the manual with assurances that it had been cleared by the bipartisan floor and all Committee leaderships. The Majority Leader asked unanimous consent and it was subsequently agreed to that the House:

1. Be considered to have discharged from Committee and passed H.R. 5316, National Forest Orga-

nizational Camp Fee Improvement; H.R. 5574, Michael Lee Woodcock Post Office, Glennville, Georgia; H.R. 5361, Floyd Spence Post Office Building, Lexington, South Carolina; H.R. 5439, Delbert L. Latta Post Office Building, Bowling Green, Ohio; S. 2558, Benign Brain Tumor Cancer Registries Amendment Act—clearing the measure for the President; H.R. 5349, Boys and Girls Club Use of Former O’Reilly General Hospital in Springfield, Missouri; H.R. 5598, Federal Education Research, Statistics, Evaluation, Information, and Dissemination Improvement; H.R. 5601, Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act Reauthorization; H.R. 670, Bruce F. Cotta Post Office Building, Newport, Rhode Island; H.R. 669, Alphonse F. Auclair Post Office Building, Woonsocket, Rhode Island; and H.R. 5205, Permitting estimated amounts for longevity component of the Federal benefit payment to certain retirees of the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia; **Pages H7859–83**

2. Be considered to have discharged from Committee and agreed to H. Con. Res. 406, Honoring the Lao Veterans of America and Laotian and Hmong Veterans of the Vietnam War and their families; H. Res. 542, Congratulating the Bryan Packers of West Point, Mississippi for winning the 2002 American Legion World Series; H. Res. 572, Honoring the 225th Anniversary of the Signing of the Articles of Confederation; H. Con. Res. 504, Congratulating the PONY League baseball team of Norwalk, California for winning the 2002 PONY League World Championship; H. Res. 532, Commending the Los Angeles Sparks basketball team for winning the 2002 Women’s National Basketball Association Championship; H. Res. 571, Honoring the life of David O. “Doc” Cooke, the “Mayor of the Pentagon”; and H. Con. Res. 467, Honoring Lionel Hampton and His Contributions to American Music; **Pages H7883–85**

3. Be considered to have discharged from Committee, amended, and agreed to: H. Res. 410, Human Rights Violations in Tibet, the Panchen Lama, and the need for dialogue between the Chinese leadership and the Dalai Lama or his representatives; H. Con. Res. 486, Support for the Establishment of a Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month; and H. Con. Res. 487, Authorizing the printing as a House document of a volume consisting of the transcripts of the ceremonial meeting of the House of Representatives and Senate in New York City on September 6, 2002, and a collection of statements by Members of the House of Representatives and Senate from the Congressional Record on the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, in the respective forms placed at the desk; **Pages H7885–86**

4. Be considered to have amended and passed H.R. 5400, agreement between the Government of the United States and Mexico concerning the Border Environment Cooperation Commission and North American Development Bank; by the committee amendment placed at the desk; and **Pages H7886–87**

5. That the committees being discharged be printed in the Record, the texts of each measure and any amendment thereto be considered as read and printed in the Record and that motions to reconsider each of these actions be laid upon the table. **Page H7887**

Meeting Hour—Friday, Oct. 11: Agreed that when the House adjourns today it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 11. **Page H7887**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, Oct. 16. **Page H7887**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Dan Miller of Florida to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through October 15. **Page H7887**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Ten yea and nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H7751, H7769, H7798, H7799, H7801–02, H7811–12, H7817–18, H7825, H7835, H7835–36, H7853–54 and H7858–59. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 11:58 p.m.

Committee Meetings

SECURITY—U.S. EMBASSIES ABROAD

Committee on Armed Services: Special Oversight Panel on Terrorism held a hearing on the Security of U.S. Embassies Abroad and the Role of the Department of Defense. Testimony was heard from Ray Williams, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Countermeasures and Information Security, Bureau of Diplomatic Security, Department of State; and Brig. Gen. Douglas O'Dell, USMCR, Commanding General, 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade (Anti-Terrorism), U.S. Marine Corps.

ImCLONE CANCER—DRUG STORY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations continued hearings entitled “An Inquiry into the ImClone Cancer-Drug Story.” Testimony was heard from Lester M. Crawford, Deputy Commissioner, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

EXECUTIVE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY COLLAPSE—IMPACT ON POLICYHOLDERS

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing on “The Collapse of Executive Life Insurance Company and its Impact on Policyholders.” Testimony was heard from Steven J. Green, Deputy Insurance Commissioner, State of California; James Corcoran, former Insurance Commissioner, State of New York; and public witnesses.

PERSIAN GULF WAR VETERANS ILLNESSES

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans Affairs and International Relations met to insert in the record a session held in the House of Commons, United Kingdom on Research Into Persian Gulf War Veterans Illnesses.

GUATEMALA AND DOMINICAN REPUBLIC—DEMOCRATIC STABILITY THREATS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, hearing on Drug Corruption and Other Threats to Democratic Stability in Guatemala and the Dominican Republic. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Otto J. Reich, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs; Adolfo Franco, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, AID; and Paul Simons, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs; Roger Guevara, Chief of Operations, DEA, Department of Justice; and a public witness.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held an oversight hearing on “A Judicial Diminished is Justice Denied: the Constitution, the Senate, and the Vacancy Crisis in the Federal Judiciary.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

REDUCING AMERICANS' VULNERABILITY TO ECSTASY ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on H.R. 5519, Reducing Americans' Vulnerability to Ecstasy Act of 2002. Testimony was heard from Asa Hutchinson, Administrator, DEA, Department of Justice; Andrea Craparotta, Investigator, Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office, State of New Jersey; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 5102, Wildfire Response Act of 2002; H.R. 5185, Wildlife Response Enhancement Act; and